

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FY 2007

OVERVIEW

The state block grant for early childhood education programs is established in the State Board of Education. Its purpose is to promote improved pupil achievement by providing flexible supplemental funding for early childhood programs including preschool programs for economically disadvantaged children and programs that serve all public school pupils statewide who are in kindergarten and grades one, two, and three. §ARS 15-1251 (A).

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The legislative citation for the Early Childhood Block Grant is §ARS 15-1251. A school district or charter school that devotes part or its entire program funding to **preschool** programs shall comply with all of the following requirements:

- ✓ Restrict the preschool program to preschool children eligible for free or reduced price lunches under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts (C)(1).
- ✓ Allow participating pupils to receive preschool services only from a public, federally funded or private childcare provider, each of which shall be **licensed** by the Department of Health Services. Each preschool site shall be **accredited** by a State Board of Education approved organization that provides accreditation for preschool programs (C)(2).

ACCREDITATION

Laws 1999, Chapter 4, Section 14, amended by Arizona House Bill 2398 (approved 3/6/00):

- A. Notwithstanding section 15-1251, subsection C, paragraph 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, all sites receiving funding under the early childhood block grant program during fiscal year 1999-2000 shall be accredited by July 1, 1999, except that they may operate on a provisional basis if they provide evidence that shows that they are in the process of becoming accredited. These sites shall attain accreditation no later than July 1, 2000 to be eligible for program funding.
- B. Notwithstanding the July 1, 2000 accreditation deadline in subsection A, the agency administering the block grant may extend the accreditation deadline for any site that demonstrates that it is reasonably working toward becoming accredited.
- C. Sites that did not participate in the program in the prior funding year are eligible to participate in the program if they have applied for and are working toward accreditation or are accredited. Sites that are not accredited shall become accredited with eighteen months after originally receiving monies.

Please contact an EC Specialist with questions regarding preschool accreditation at (602) 364-1530 or 1(800) 352-4558.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (cont.)

- ✓ Provide all federally funded or private child care providers located within the school district or within ten (10) miles of the charter school with information necessary for them to participate in the program, including names and addresses of children selected for participation and of their parents or guardians (C)(3). School districts and charter schools should refer to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act − FERPA for guidance on parent or guardian disclosure issues.
- ✓ Provide all parents and guardians of children selected for the program with a list of licensed federally funded or private child care providers located within the school district or within ten (10) miles of the charter school and explain to parents or guardians that they may choose to have their child receive services under the program from any provider on the list if that provider agrees to participate (C)(4).
- ✓ Allow at least fifty (50%) percent of pupils selected for the program to receive preschool services from a federally funded or private child care provider of their parent's or guardian's own choosing if they so choose (C)(5).
- ✓ Allow any eligible child care provider located within the school district or within ten (10) miles of the charter school to participate in the program if it is willing to provide services at a unit cost similar to that paid to other providers in the area under the program (C)(6).
- ✓ Limit the use of contracts with federally funded and private child care providers to financial agreements pertaining to numbers of children to be served, hours of service to be provided per child, payment rates and other financial aspects of the program (C)(7).
- ✓ Limit to five per cent (5%) the amount of block grant monies that may be used locally for program administration (C)(8).
- ✓ Pay participating federally funded and private child care providers in a timely manner (C)(9).

Grant awards will not be made to LEAs who are out of compliance with state or federal requirements.

Please visit the Early Childhood Program web site for program information at: http://www.ade.az.gov/earlychildhood/

FORMS

Applications are available for electronic submittal on the ADE Grants Management Enterprise Site (http://www.ade.az.gov/GME/). The entire application must be submitted electronically. If you have any questions please call Pat Immele at (602) 542-8812.

INSTRUCTIONS

Pages required for the Early Childhood Block Grant Application include:

Financial Data

- Contact Information Includes the program contact person's current information.
- 2. Line Items Itemizes the total dollars allocated to each budget area.
- 3. **Line Items Description** Provides specific details regarding how funds in each area will be utilized.
- 4. **Capital Outlay** Itemizes and describes items, other than books and software that have a life expectancy of more than one year.
- Payment Schedule Specifies the months in which ECBG monies will be disbursed.

Supplemental Data

- 6. **Funding Distribution Page** Specifies the amounts of ECBG funds that will be utilized in each program area, according to budget guidelines.
- 7. **Site Sheet Page(s)** Describes the setting in which services will be provided and the population to be served. One site sheet must be completed for each site that will utilize ECBG funds.
- 8. **Program Description Pages** Sets of program description pages must be completed for each type of program supported with ECBG funds (preschool, full day kindergarten, or K-3). These pages provide details to ADE regarding the operation, documentation, and data collection occurring within the district or charter. They also provide insight regarding district or charter compliance with statutes.
- Contact Page All information on this page must be completed. Information from this page of the grant application goes directly into the ECBG data base and is used regularly to contact programs. It is the district or charter's responsibility to ensure that contact information is kept current.

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The gateway to secure data transactions and information

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- To launch an application the user must have a valid username and password and must agree that, by using that username and
 password, they will abide by the ADE Acceptable Use Policy.
- Forgotten your password or would like more information: Contact the ADE Support Center at (602) 542-7378 if you are in the Phoenix area. Outside the Phoenix area (866) 577-9636 or E-mail enterprise@ade.az.gov.
- . Check the MIS Bulletin Board for the latest news and information.

□ Click on the Grants Management option.

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□ Click on <u>Application Downloads</u>

Please download and refer to these documents when preparing the applications. These are provided to help eliminated ADE's need to reject the application for corrections.

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	No Child Left Behind (NCLB)		Download Files
	Title I-D Neglected or Delinquent - LEA		Download Files
	Title I-D State Agency Neg or Delinquent		Download Files
	Title I- C Migrant Education		Download Files
	Johnson O'Malley Indian Education Program		Download Files
	Rural and Low-Income Schools Program		Download Files
	IDEA-Best Practices in Early Childhood Transition YEAR 2		Download Files
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	IDEA-Counseling Grant YEAR 2		Download Files
	IDEA-Alternative Programs for Students w/Emot Dis YEAR 2		Download Files
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	IDEA-Creating Disciplined School Environments YEAR 2		Download Files
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Early Childhood Block Grant - Test



File	File Type	File Size (Bytes)
ECBG Application Instructions (pdf)	Microsoft Word 97	0
ECBG Specific Chart of Account (pdf)	Microsoft Word 97	0
Income Guidelines (pdf)	Microsoft Word 97	0
Hints to Prevent Error Messages (pdf)	Microsoft Word 97	0

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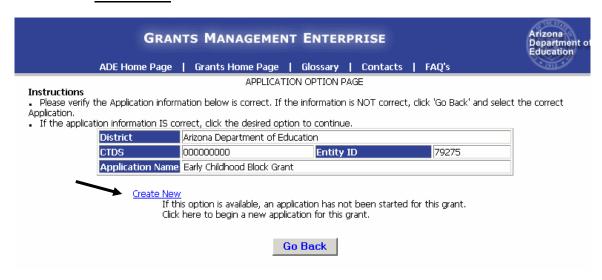
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Ē	Early Childhood Block Grant	Application being edited by ADE	mdallman	
E	Rural Low-Income Schools Program	Application being edited by ADE	nkonitzer	
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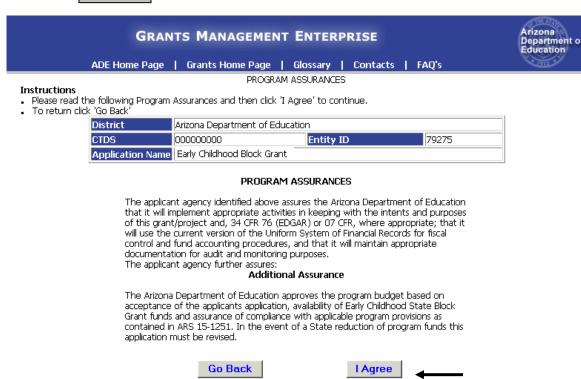
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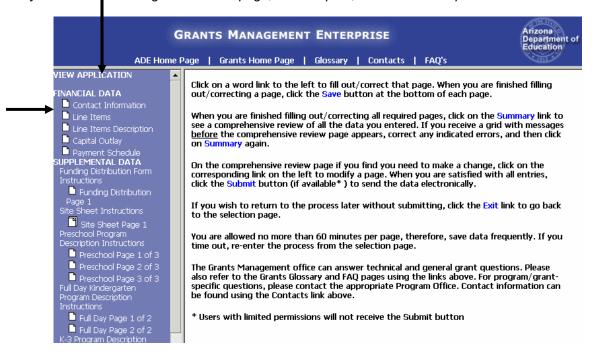


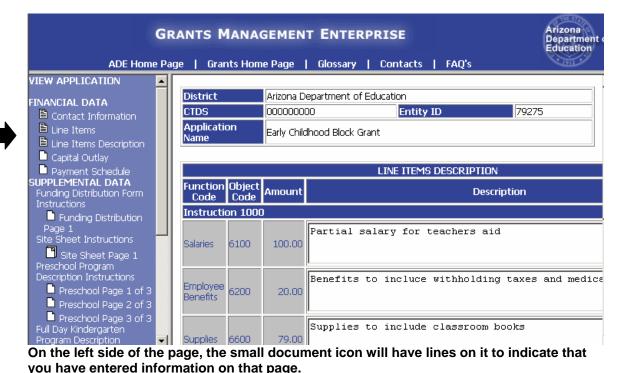
- □ Read the Program Assurances
- □ Click I Agree to continue.



At this point, you will begin completing the Early Childhood Block Grant Application. Each page that may need to be completed by your district or charter is listed on the left side of the Grants Management Enterprise page and allows for scrolling between the pages. Clicking on the **small icon** on the left gives you access to that page.

To get a copy of the application to use as a draft before entering on-line, click on VIEW APPLICATION and print of the application. To print the application: right click your mouse on the right side of the page, scroll to print, and click on the print button.

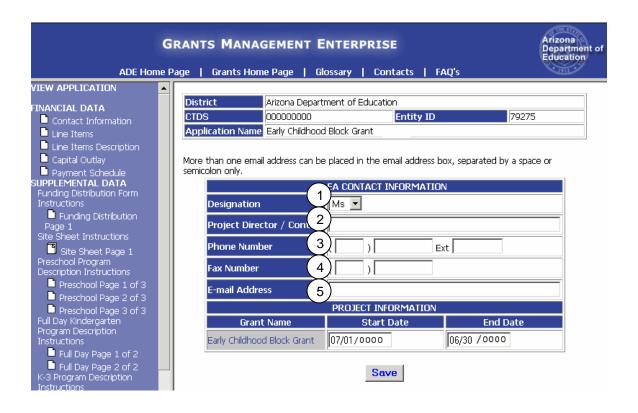




FINANCIAL DATA

CONTACT INFORMATION PAGE:

- 1. Designation Click on the Down Arrow button to highlight your designation.
- 2. Enter the name of the Project Director/Contact.
- 3. Enter the phone number for the person named in #2. Please remember to enter the correct area code, phone number, and extension if applicable.
- 4. Enter the fax number. Please remember to enter the correct area code with the fax number.
- 5. Enter the current contact's e-mail address. <u>IMPORTANT</u>: You will be notified <u>by e-mail</u> when your application is approved. The e-mail will include the date and time of approval and the project number that has been assigned to your project. If you cannot be contacted by e-mail, you can determine if your application has been approved by checking the Grants Management System for a project summary. A project summary will be viewable if your application has been approved.
- 6. Click on Save
- 7. Review the information you have entered for accuracy. If not accurate, please correct and save again. If correct, proceed to the next page by clicking on the small icon next to the Line Items Page.



LINE ITEMS PAGE:

- <u>IMPORTANT</u> –There have been a couple changes and clarifications made to the <u>USFR Chart of Accounts</u>. Please download and refer to the ECBG Specific Chart of Accounts and Expenditure Classifications Matrix when preparing the Budget. Items must be coded per the matrix. If you have any questions about where to code an item, please call before submitting the application.
- 1. Enter your budget information under the appropriate function codes. When doing so, please observe the following guidelines:
 - ✓ Use the <u>FINAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT</u> as indicated on the allocation list provided under the ECBG downloads.
 - ✓ Support Services Administration **MAY NOT** exceed **5%** of your total allocation.
 - ✓ Capital Outlay items are equipment items with a life expectancy of one year or more regardless of the cost. Please refer to the note on the *ECBG Specific Chart of Accounts and Expenditure Classifications Matrix*
 - ✓ NOTE: The USFR and USFRCS state that a district should prepare a detailed listing of all equipment with unit costs of \$1,000 or more and have useful lives of one year or more. It also states that if a district wishes, it may record assets on a general fixed assets listing at a lower threshold amount. There is no lower limit on what constitutes capital/fixed assets.
 - ✓ Software, classroom books, and other instructional materials are to be entered under supplies.
 - ✓ Library books (other than for classroom libraries) go under Support Services supplies
 - ✓ CHANGE: All travel goes under support services line item 6500.
- 2. Click on Review your budget line items. If correct, proceed to the next page. If not correct, enter the correct information, save again, and proceed to the next page.

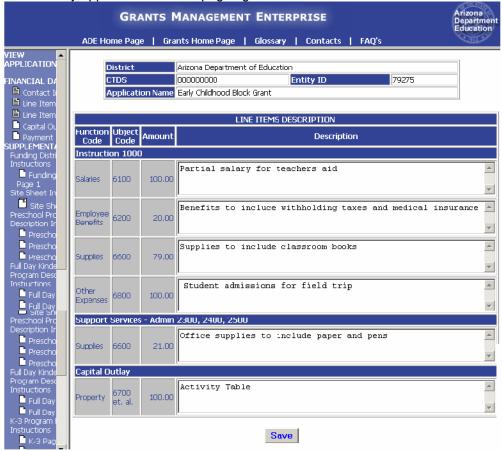


LINE ITEMS DESCRIPTION PAGE:

- 1. Enter a **<u>DETAILED DESCRIPTION</u>** of the itemized project costs for all line items appearing on this page. Please comply with the following items to avoid having the application rejected.
 - ✓ On all applicable supply lines, give examples of supplies to be purchased (i.e.: to include reading books, paper, pencils, math or reading software, etc.). It is best to avoid using the words supplies, materials, learning tools, and manipulatives. Please list the names of the manipulatives and tools being purchased.
 - ✓ On all applicable benefit lines list all benefits (i.e.: withholding tax, retirement, medical insurance, etc.)
 - ✓ List all fees associated with DHS licensing and accreditation under Support Services 6800.
 - ✓ If food is being provided with the use of ECBG funds. If food supplies are being purchased for the classroom, enter it on 1000-6600.Be clear with the description (i.e. purchase of food items to provide snacks for preschool children). If you are contracting with the cafeteria or an outside vender to provide meals or snacks, enter on 1000-6800. Be clear with the description (i.e. contracting with the cafeteria or an outside vender to provide meals or snacks).
 - ✓ Include dates on any expenses related to summer activities. Remember that all activity must be completed by June 30.

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER:</u> When you provide specific details on the line items description page, the approval of your grant application is facilitated. The ECBG program staff will reject the application if detail is not provided.

- 2. Click on Save
- 3. Review your line items descriptions. If there are errors, please enter the correct information. If adequate detail is not provided, please add details or examples to the descriptions to make the information readily apparent. Save the page again.



Please refer to prior year ECBG applications for examples of detailed line items. Please call if you have any questions about where an item should be coded or how much detail is required.

When satisfied with the information entered on this page, please proceed to the Capital Outlay Page if you have included capital outlay in your budget.

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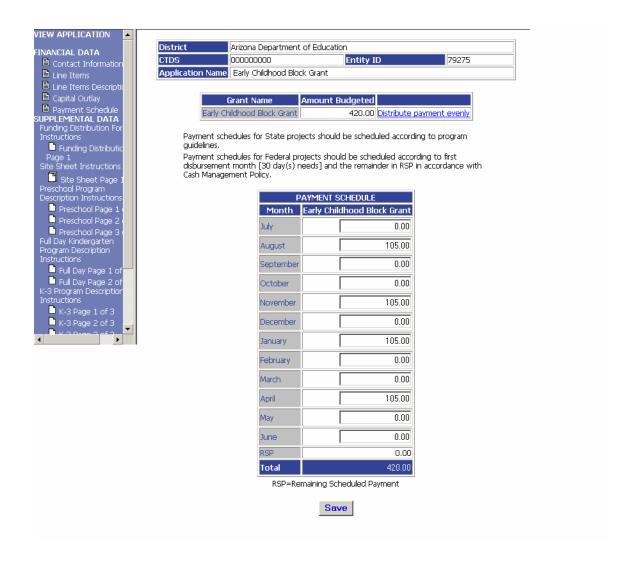
- Enter the quantity, cost per unit, description, and purpose for each capital outlay expenditure.
 If it is necessary to use more than 5 lines, save the first five lines of information before adding additional lines.
- 2. Click on Save
- 2. Review your Capital Outlay entries. If the capital outlay information is not correct, enter the correct information and save the page again.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE PAGE:

- To ensure timely payments of your Early Childhood Block Grant funds, please read this section carefully!
 - ⊗ **DO NOT** click on Distribute Payment Evenly.
 - © <u>DO</u> enter <u>FOUR EQUAL PAYMENTS</u> in the months of <u>August</u>, <u>November</u>, <u>January</u>, and April.

Because the state allocates funding in four equal allotments, we require that equal payments be distributed to you on a quarterly basis. This insures that there are sufficient funds for all LEAs. If your application is submitted after the initial deadline and any of the four months have passed and are blocked, enter the payments in the next available open month. For example, if an application is submitted in December, and the months August and November are blocked, enter the total of the August and November payments in December, payment three in January, and payment four in April.

2. Click on Save



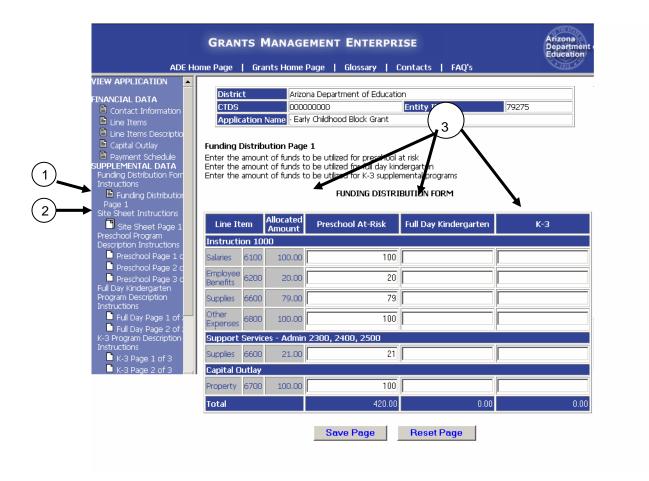
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION PAGE:

The funding distribution form has one page and must be completed.

- 1. Click on Funding Distribution Form Instructions to view the instructions for completing this form page. After reading:
- 2. Click on Funding Distribution Page 1.
- Enter the amount of ECBG funds utilized by each level. DO NOT USE DOLLAR SIGNS OR COMMAS.
- 4. Click on Save
- 5. Review your Funding Distribution Page 1. If the Funding Distribution Page is NOT Correct, enter the correct information and save the page again.

NOTE: If you have funds distributed for more than one level, you must complete SITE SHEETS and PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS for those levels. Example: If you have funds distributed for Full Day Kindergarten and for K-3, you must have site sheets and program descriptions for both Full Day Kindergarten and K-3.



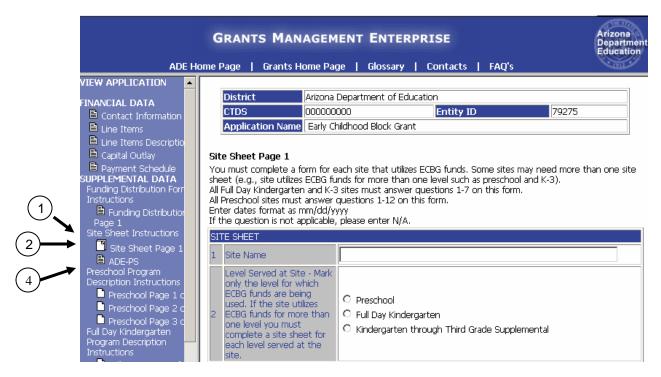
SITE SHEET PAGE:

The site sheet has one page and must be completed for each site utilizing ECBG funds.

NOTE: A site sheet must be completed for each site utilizing ECBG funds. Some sites may need more than one site sheet (e.g., sites utilizing ECBG funds for more than one level such as preschool and K-3). If you are not utilizing ECBG funds for a level at the site, there should not be a site sheet indicating that level as being served (e.g., a site serving both Full Day Kindergarten and K-3, but ECBG funds are not distributed for Full Day Kindergarten. A site sheet would be completed for K-3, but not for Full Day Kindergarten).

To help identify sites using ECBG funds for multiple levels, you may want to list the site name and level for that site sheet (Example: Whitman Elem. PS, Whitman Elem. FDK, Whitman Elem. K-3).

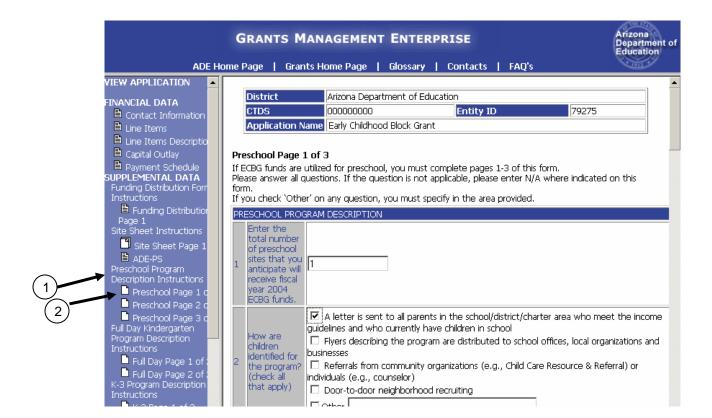
- 1. Click on Site Sheet Instructions to view the instructions for completing the site sheet page.
- Click on Site Sheet Page 1. Clicking on this page will create a new site sheet page. The original site sheet page will always remain unused so you can create as many site sheets as necessary.
 - ✓ All Full Day K and K-3 sites must answer questions 1 through 7.
 - ✓ All Preschool sites must answer questions 1 through 12.
 - ✓ The new DHS license numbers have 5-digits. If your license number still has only 4-digits place a zero as the first digit. (e.g. CDC-1234 becomes CDC-01234)
 - ✓ Dates must be in the mm/dd/yyyy format.
 - ✓ If your preschool site is <u>not fully accredited</u>, the answer to question #10 must be **Not Accredited.**
 - ✓ If a question is not applicable to your program, answer N/A. All N/A answers throughout the forms must include the slash!
 - If the preschool site has not utilized ECBG funds in a prior year, question #13 must also be answered.
- 3. Click on Save Page
- 4. To review a saved Site Sheet, click on the completed form. If the Site Sheet is not correct, enter the correct information and save the page again.
- 5. Repeat this process until all site sheets have been completed. As each site sheet is saved, it will be listed on the left side of the screen by site name.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION PAGES:

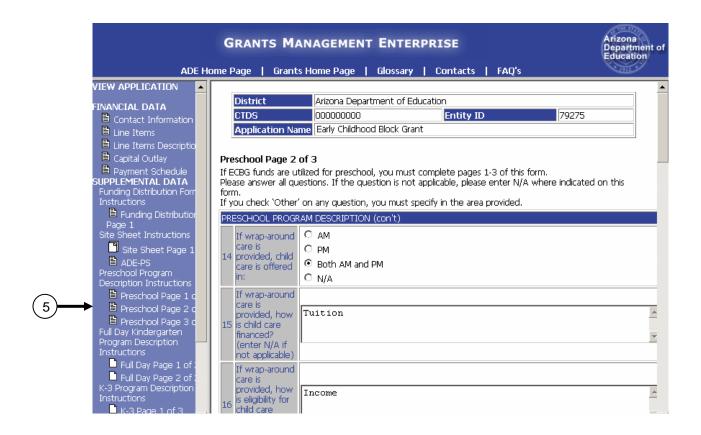
There are three program descriptions, one for each level (Preschool, Full Day Kindergarten, and K-3). Complete all pages of the program description for each level supported with ECBG funds. For example, if funds are distributed and site sheets are prepared for Full Day Kindergarten and K-3, there should be one Full Day Kindergarten and one K-3 program description.

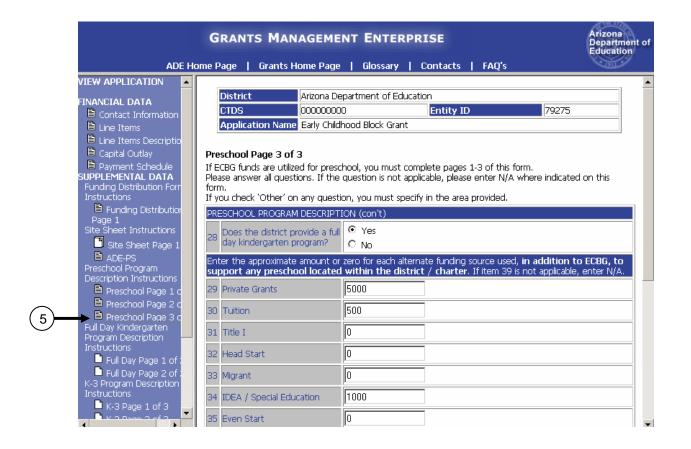
- * The **Preschool** Program Description has **three pages**.
- * The Full Day Kindergarten Program Description has two pages.
- * The K-3 Program Description has three pages.
- 1. Click on Program Description Instructions to view instructions for completing the program description pages.
- 2. Click on the first page of the program description.



- Answer all questions on the page. If a question is not applicable to your program, answer N/A.
- 4. Click on Description Page is not correct, enter the correct information and save the page again.

5. Continue this process until all pages of the program description have been completed.





6. Repeat this process for each level funded with ECBG funds.

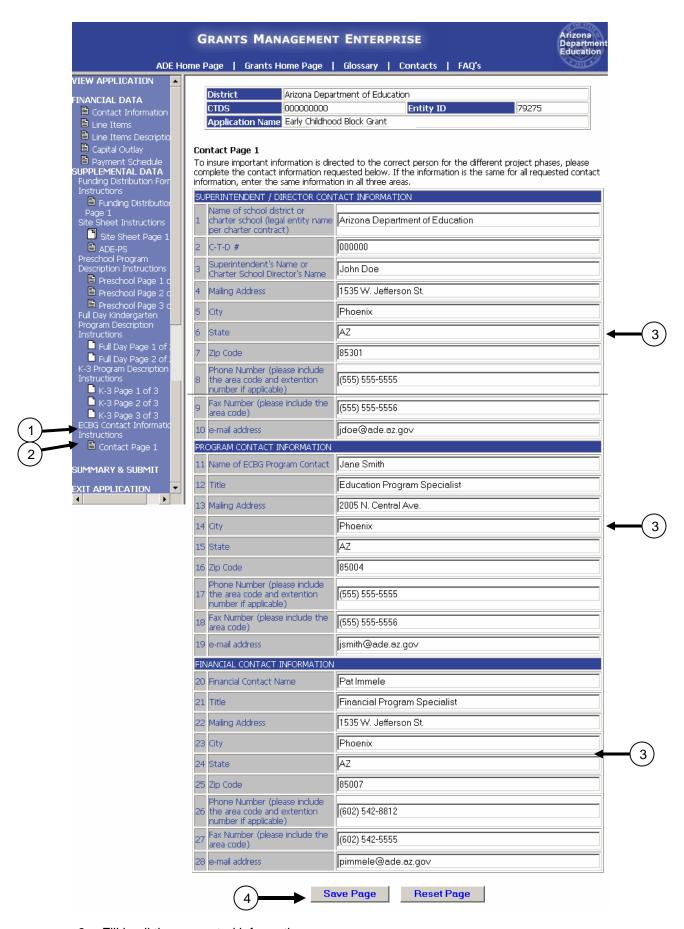
Pages for all program descriptions are included in the section in this book tabbed "Application Pages".

LEA CONTACT PAGE:

The contact form has **one page** and must be completed.

To insure that important information is directed to the appropriate person for different project phases, the ECBG program needs all information requested on this page. Please fill in all the blanks with the correct information. **DO NOT ENTER THE WORD 'SAME' FOR DUPLICATED INFORMATION.** This information is entered directly into the ECBG data base and is used to generate labels and e-mail list serves to send out information to the various contacts.

- 1. Click on ECBG Contact Information Instructions to view the instructions for completing the contact page.
- 2. Click on LEA Contact Page.



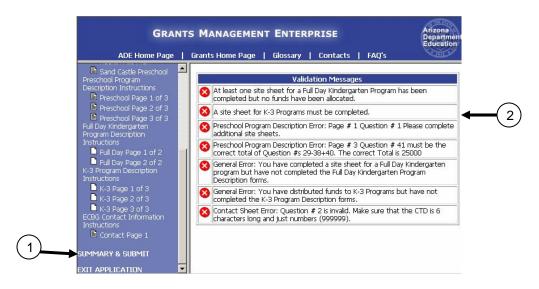
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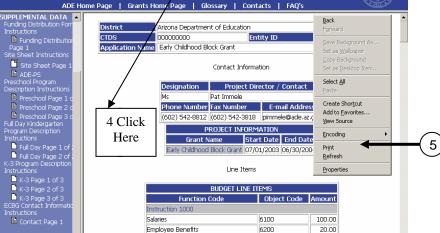
When all required forms have been completed:

- Click on SUMMARY & SUBMIT. The application program will check for validation.
- 2. A list of errors will appear if any are detected. All errors detected must be corrected before the application can be successfully submitted.
- 3. Correct all errors and click on SUMMARY & SUBMIT.



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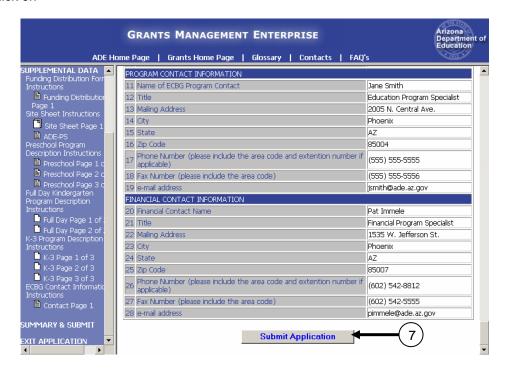
KIT APPLICATION

Purchased Professional Services

Purchased Property Services

Other Purchased Services

7. Click on



8. Print the Application Receipt per printing instructions above (#s 4-6).



9. Click on the **Go To Application List** button.